



Tayside Biodiversity Co-ordinator's ANNUAL REPORT

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This report is compiled to fulfil grant aid conditions and is therefore intended primarily for SNH. Newsletters, leaflets and website information are available which report more widely on Partnership contributions to the local Tayside biodiversity process.





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(1.) Co-ordinate and Support the Work of the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership

There were five Management Team meetings: 17th April, 10th May, 3rd August, 12th November 2007 and 20th February 2008. An Annual Report for 2006-7 was prepared, together with a new Work Programme for 2007-08. Quarterly updates of the Work Programme were completed throughout 2007-08.

(2.) Promote Awareness and Enhancement of Biodiversity in Tayside

2.1 Presentations

The Co-ordinator took exhibition space at the Balgay Blossom Day, Dundee in May 2007 and met c40 people of all ages. The Kirkgate Discovery Day in Kinross (September 2007) attracted c1,500 people of all ages. The Co-ordinator was ably assisted by 15 hands-on volunteers for a major wildflower planting session on the day.

During February 2008, presentations were given to:

- Scottish Sustainable Construction Group: c50 members from all over Scotland;
- VisitScotland: Perthshire Biodiversity and Eco-tourism Workshop and presentation (Birnam) - 15 local business people;
- School and Community Orchards Workshop: 32 people;
- Gleneagles Familiarisation Tour (Carse of Gowrie): c40 hotel staff;

In March 2008 presentations were given to:

- Gardens, Greenspace & Graveyards Workshop: 36 people;
- Tayside Local Recorders' Day: c50 people.

2007-08

Approximately 360 people heard about the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and its projects at first hand at events/presentations. This included several new audiences such as the Scottish Sustainable Construction Group and VisitScotland members.

2008-09: Working with partners where possible, there will be an increased presence at exhibitions and events, focussing on new audiences. Presentations to a wide audience will continue.

2.2 Displays

The two banner display sets are now split between Dundee/Angus and Perth and Kinross. The new set was used regularly during 2007-08 at many one-day events and borrowed by Angus Council and Angus FWAG for their various events throughout the county (including the Angus Show and the Angus Walking Festival). The original set was used by the Perth and Kinross Ranger Service and the Partnership at numerous one-day events, especially the Balgay/Kirkgate Discovery Days and the orchard seminar/workshops.

The original display boards are still being used between two sites: Crombie Country Park Centre and the Perth and Kinross WoodBus.

2.3 Media

Articles were prepared for:

- the Scottish Biodiversity Forum Newsletter (twice a year - Tayside project updates);
- the National Orchard Forum Newsletter (regarding the Carse of Gowrie project);
- Hawk & Owl Trust (Tayside Barn Owl projects).
- Perthshire Green Tourism Network E-Bulletin (August and October issues);
- Trellis "Propagator" Newsletter (quarterly column);
- Tayside NHS Health Promotion "1st Class" School Newsletter;

- Angus Funding News (update on SITA TBAF);
- Perth & Kinross Tree Wardens' Newsletter (two articles);

Press releases were prepared for the Courier - Bats & Trees workshop reports, Schools and Community Orchards Workshop, and the Fruit Tree Pruning course.

The Perthshire Advertiser gave full page coverage for Swift Day 2007 and included details/photographs on the Schools & Community Orchards Workshop and the Gardens, Greenspace & Graveyard Workshop. The Co-ordinator also provided extensive copy and photographs for Felicity Martin's full page feature on the Carse Orchards in October.

Both the Courier and Perthshire Advertiser carried photographs of the Perth Provost's attendance at the SITA TBAF Reception in March.

Telephone interviews were given to The Scotsman and BBC Radio Scotland (Grassroots programme) regarding orchard biodiversity, the Carse Orchard Seminar and aims of project. This complemented other Partners' national publicity, including a feature on Landward (BBC). The orchard project was also featured in the Perthshire section of the VisitScotland website, and the Errol Village and Carse of Gowrie websites.

In early 2008 information on Tayside biodiversity habitats and species, as well as ongoing projects, was supplied to Marlyn Glen, MSP, for the Parliamentary discussion on biodiversity.

2007-08

Seventeen articles were prepared for national and local publication (including websites); two national radio interviews were given; approximately nine press releases were published with respect to local events.

2008-09: Working with the sub-groups and partners, projects arising from the Priority Listing will be regularly publicised, especially those receiving SITA TBAF monies. Awareness will be raised of the "Building Better Biodiversity" seminars and workshops and opportunities taken to officially launch publications, surveys, etc.

2.4 Website

The Co-ordinator worked regularly with the website designer to add new Partnership publications, extra pages/links and seminar and workshop presentations, including:

- Newsletters - Swift, Red Squirrel and Barn Owl; plus "From Summit to Sand" Newsletter;
- Other Publications - Community Gardens, Orchards and Allotments booklet, the Green Graveyard Initiative leaflet; Farmland Priority Species Guide
- Presentations - Accommodating Wildlife Seminar; Urban Grassland; Green Graveyard; Orchard seminars;
- New Orchard section added and within the year completely updated with all presentations/ notes from the October seminar, and the new report from the "Old Orchards: Essential Issues" seminar;
- Surveys - Sand Martin survey added; improved wording on Tern, Barn Owl, Red Squirrel and Swift Surveys;
- Geodiversity pages improved; new walks leaflet added;
- Partners' Sharepoint - information updated, including the Annual Report 2006-07;
- SITA TBAF pages updated - including application deadline dates, Funding Bulletin advice and project listing;
- The new UKBAP and Scottish Biodiversity lists are now available on the website;
- There is a link for the Scottish Rural Development Programme.

A Website Statistics report was prepared for the Steering Group during 2007-08 and included the following details:

Month.	Total Hits
1st QUARTER	
(April: 15,503; May: 16,999; June: 33,550)	66,052
2nd QUARTER	
(July: 24,747; August: 18,659; September: 25,436)	68,842
3rd QUARTER	
(October: 37,212; November: 32,854; December: N/A)	70,066 (2 months only)
4th QUARTER	
(January - 33,010; February - 29,783; March - 11,575)	74,368
1st April 2007 to 31st March 2008 - TOTAL	279,328 (excluding December)

2.5 Scottish Biodiversity Forum (SBF) Information

A proposal was circulated to prepare a Scotland-wide leaflet on biodiversity and disability access; Perth & Kinross and Angus Councils confirmed their interest. A request for Scottish Lowland Peat Project sites was also circulated to Partners. Key issues regarding UKBAP Lead Partners and Local Record Centres were discussed, as was local input into the Trunk Roads Biodiversity Action Plan review and the new Network Rail Biodiversity Action Plan.

The UKBAP Review findings were delayed until the end of 2007, but once available Partners were furnished with details. They were also encouraged to take part in Scottish Biodiversity Week plans for local events. The Co-ordinator, with other Local Biodiversity Officers, also ensured local input into SBF Interpretation, Community & Education Working Group implementation and the SBF Local Working Group. The SBF Marine Implementation Plan was also made available.

2.6 Publications

The "Community Gardens, Orchards and Allotments" booklet was published, together with the Green Graveyard Initiative's advisory leaflet and poster. The main body of the Planning Manual was re-written and completely updated with publication due in time for the Scottish Biodiversity Week in May 2008. The "From Summit to Sand" 8-page Newsletter was published to coincide with the SITA TBAF Reception in March 2008. A reprint of the second Tayside Red Squirrel Newsletter was funded owing to increased demand. The Swift and Barn Owl Newsletters printed during 2006-07 continued to be circulated. Much work by the Urban sub-group members resulted in a suite of publications being prepared for the ZOOM Bumblebee Survey.

2007-08

The "Community Gardens, Orchards and Allotments" booklet was published, together with the Green Graveyard Initiative's advisory leaflet and poster. The "From Summit to Sand" 8-page Newsletter was also published and a reprint arranged of the second Tayside Red Squirrel Newsletter. All publications were extensively distributed throughout Tayside and beyond.

2008-09: The Planning Manual, together with Case Studies and a series of Biodiversity Advice Notes will be published, as well as the Orchard and Biodiversity Management booklet, and the Wildlife Trees Education Pack.

(3.) Maintain the TBP Steering Group and Sub-Groups, Providing Direction and Guidance

In January 2007 it was confirmed the Co-ordinator's post would be transferred to Dundee City Council at Tayside House. The move was made at the beginning of April and special thanks are due to Bryan Harris for his help in ensuring as smooth a transit as possible.

In June a second move within Tayside House was undertaken and by September filing cabinets and shelves had been obtained so the final part of unpacking was achieved. Clerical assistance was not available until mid-July and there were delays in securing office furniture and equipment (including computer, telephone and TechnoVoice). However, the new designated post of part-time Clerical Assistant is working exceptionally well and additional support is now available to the Steering Group and a number of sub-groups as regards minute-taking and better efficiency in handling bookings for the training seminars and events held throughout the year.

3.1 Steering Group

During the period 2007-08 there were four Steering Group meetings: 19th June, 17th September, 11th December 2007 and 4th March 2008. One budget meeting was held on 18th June; the sub-group micro-budgets were kept up-to-date by the Co-ordinator.

3.2 Water and Wetlands Sub-Group

Meetings were held in September 2007 and January 2008. The sub-group agreed to postpone the second "Riparian Seminar" until early 2009.

The Co-ordinator began to take forward the Tayside Ponds Initiative, searching for good demonstration sites throughout Tayside to be publicised or enhanced for biodiversity. Meetings were attended regarding the Perth Lade Enhancement Project, a community-based project to introduce the concept of an Urban Green Corridor. Progress was slower than expected, but good contacts were made with the new Urban Ranger and the Perth & Kinross Lade Management Group; a variety of local projects have been proposed using the Perth Lade as a focus. Little progress was also made regarding the Otter Road Death Survey (re-named during the year "Mammal Road Death Survey"), but the Tayside Lochs Project achieved SITA TBAF funding and work will commence during 2008-09. The latter project is a long-term initiative with SEPA which is the UK Lead Partner for the Mesotrophic Lochs Habitat Action Plan. Results from progress made at the five Tayside lochs will be reported back to UK level.

2007-08

Two demonstration ponds were proposed as part of the Tayside Ponds Initiative (Norrie's Pond and Scone Pond, Perth), a Lade Project encouraged, funding found for one of the Tayside Lochs Project promotional t-towels and discussions held to take forward the Mammal Road Death Survey.

2008-09: the Co-ordinator will assist in a second Riparian Seminar in early 2009. The community and biodiversity project on the Perth Lade, work with the UK Trunk Roads Group and SWT will also take place as regards the Mammal Road Death Survey, and the first part of the Tayside Lochs Project will be publicised by way of a community tea-towel designed, printed and distributed to local schools, angling and golf club members and tourism businesses.

3.9 Coast and Estuaries Sub-Group

The Co-ordinator chaired meetings in September 2007 and March 2008. The search continued for a sub-group leader.

Tayside Geodiversity meetings were attended to ensure the Geodiversity trails project was taken forward. The Co-ordinator also met the new member of staff for the Scottish Golf Environment Group and discussed

potential projects (including the joint project with FWAG on coastal pond enhancement and a Red Squirrel Project). Arising from this, the Partnership judged Auchterarder and Montrose Golf Clubs for the SGEG Awards and was subsequently a guest at the Awards presentation to acknowledge both local golf clubs' awards.

Links were proposed between the Dundee Botanic Gardens and Broughty Ferry Environmental Project as regards the planting out of Sea Pea. Discussions with the Scottish Bat Officer (Bat Conservation Trust) also proposed extending the successful Dundee Bat Project and the potential for widening projects to include golf clubs.

2007-08

2 meetings were held and progress made towards setting up a series of new Golf Course projects.

2008-09: the Co-ordinator will support the Coastal Golf Course Projects.

3.12 Farmland Sub-Group (including the Barn Owl Interest Group)

One meeting was held in May 2007. The Co-ordinator assisted with plans for the Linnet Link Project (Angus FWAG and Angus Council). The Barn Owls of Lowland Scotland Project (funded by the Biodiversity Action Grant) drew to a highly successful close with the publication of a second BOOLS Newsletter. Two BOOLS meetings were attended by the Co-ordinator in July and November 2007. The Angus and Fife & Kinross FWAGs held a very successful Evening Barn Owl Walk in Wormit to publicise the project; 36 people attended. The Co-ordinator researched the possibility of running a Tayside-based training course for planners and developers, but it was decided not to go ahead. However, a meeting of sub-group members with Perth & Kinross Planners was held in October 2007 and there are hopes of integrating the needs of farmland birds (especially barn owls) following this.

2007-08

One sub-group meeting was attended, and discussions held to further the conservation of biodiversity in farm buildings. Two meetings of the Barn Owls of Lowland Scotland Project were attended which brought to a close the successful Central Scotland project.

2008-09: the Co-ordinator will assist partners in publicising the Highland Calcareous Grassland Project, Tayside Tree Sparrow and Barn Owl projects. Funding will be sought for new Barn Owl Projects, Operation Bumblebee, and Enhancement of Irrigation Ponds. Assistance in setting up a Tayside Grey Partridge Group and ongoing liaison with developers and planners will continue.

3.18 Upland Sub-Group

The meeting planned during late spring 2007 was postponed and no meetings ultimately took place during 2007-08. The Co-ordinator, however, drew up proposals for an Upland Discussion Day and made preliminary enquiries with the Atholl Estate Rangers and Scottish Agricultural College as to who should take part. The Co-ordinator also supported the SAC in its search for funding of the Upland Perthshire Water Vole Project centred on Kindrogan.

2007-08

Proposals for an Upland Discussion Day were drawn up for the Upland sub-group leader.

2008-09: the Co-ordinator will assist partners in obtaining funding for projects and/or publicising them in the national biodiversity press: 2nd phase of the Upland Water Vole Project, Highland Tayside Paths Impacts Project, the Upland Butterfly and Moths Initiative and the Upland Heath Project. The Co-ordinator will assist Partners in planning the Upland Discussion Day during 2008.

3.23 Urban Sub-Group (including the Swift and Sand Martin Interest Groups)

Meetings were held in May, August and October 2007 and January 2008.

Green Graveyard Initiative

The Co-ordinator designed the Initiative's poster for publication and circulated the advisory leaflet to Partners. Meetings were held with the Broughty Ferry Environmental Project and Eco-Congregation Perth to discuss outline workshop programmes to officially launch the Initiative. Despite extensive publicity, mailings were delayed because of the postal strike and it was decided to postpone the autumn event until the spring. Funding did not materialise for the St. Aidan's workshop. In the meantime discussions were held with the Angus Ranger Service regarding plans for a similar workshop in Forfar and "Explore your Churchyard Biodiversity" walks. The Perth community workshop subsequently took place in March 2008 with 36 delegates. It proved highly successful and an excellent launch of the Initiative in Perth.

The progress of the pilot projects in Perth and Kinross was monitored and plans drawn up to extend the pilot project to a further 20+ sites. Ongoing liaison continued with Eco-Congregation Scotland (and the individual committee in Perth) to raise awareness of the Initiative within the local community.

Sand Martin Interest Group

The first meeting of this group took place in June 2007 with site visits made to the Broughty Ferry dune sand martin wall and Murton Trust sand martin walls/boxes. The Clackmannanshire LBAPO attended the meeting and subsequently went on to obtain funding for a sand martin wall at Gartmorn Dam. The members of the sub-group kept in touch via e-mail and telephone. The Co-ordinator arranged for a Sand martin survey form to be put on the website and advised Fen Drayton Nature Reserve (RSPB) regarding sand martin walls.

Swift Interest Group

The Co-ordinator chaired a meeting in July and a mapping session in October. There was a successful Swift Day Walk at Auchterarder which involved local people, Felicity Martin, the PA journalist, Andrew Rodgers (architect) and Clare Darlaston of Concern for Swifts Scotland. The Co-ordinator also attended a photocall in Crieff with the Perth & Kinross Ranger Service (at both the PKC offices and Crieff Hospital).

A variety of swift nestboxes were delivered to the National Trust for Scotland in Dunkeld, Guide Dogs for the Blind HQ in Forfar, Crieff Hospital and the Ranger Services in Perthshire, Dundee and Angus to distribute. A visit was made to Erigmore Estate, Birnam, to advise on a potential nestsite in their holiday complex. There were issues regarding including integral nestboxes in the Janet Brougham Residential Home (Dundee); this coincided with the Bird 'Flu scare. The Monitoring Report for the Swift Nestbox Trials (funded by SNH) is given in Appendix 1.

All existing and new volunteers were acknowledged with a mailing. The Swift Newsletter was widely distributed and good practice shared with other LBAP Officers throughout Scotland.

Community Gardens, Orchards and Allotments booklet

The Co-ordinator researched case studies, local photographs, and additional sections for the booklet and then liaised with the three local authorities regarding funds to match-fund SNH's contribution. Three thousand copies of the booklet were published, 700 of which were distributed within the first three weeks of publication. A website version was made available immediately.

ZOOM

During March 2008 the Co-ordinator discussed the proposed communication strategy with the sub-group leader and Biodiversity Assistant; a great deal of volunteer input from the Broughty Ferry Environmental

Project ensured that 1,000 ZOOM Bee Packs were prepared ahead of the publicity for Scottish Biodiversity Week (2008).

2007-08

One Churchyard Biodiversity Workshop was held (36 x attendees) and others discussed with Partners. Two Swift Interest Group meetings were held and a successful Swift Day Walk arranged. Other public walks were undertaken by the Ranger Services across Tayside. Photocalls and press releases were arranged to publicise the launch of the Swift Nestbox Trials Project (especially at Crieff and Forfar). During the year a new project was introduced: the ZOOM Bumblebee Survey. Several community and allotment groups were advised on new and ongoing projects, including potential Green Graveyard Initiative and Community Garden/new allotment projects.

2008-09: the Co-ordinator will run another "Getting to know your Churchyard Biodiversity" workshop and distribute the "Community Gardens, Orchards and Allotments" booklet as widely as possible. Awareness-raising of Sand Martin issues will be continued and progress noted as regards the Urban Grassland Management proposals. A 'Bee Wild' pilot project will be set up.

The Swift Interest Group will continue to liaise nationally within the LBAP Officers' Network on Swift databases and good practice, as well as setting up a Volunteer Pack to thank surveyors for their contribution. The database will be updated (with records from 2001 to 2007 inclusive) and a Swift Map prepared for use within the three local authority Planning Departments. The Tayside Swift Nest Box Trials Project will be monitored and widened and awareness raised on the subject of natural nest sites and artificial nest sites.

3.35 Woodland Sub-Group (including the Red Squirrel Forum)

The Co-ordinator continued to act as Joint Leader of the sub-group until March 2008. Meetings planned during 2007 were postponed; the sub-group finally met in March 2008.

Tayside Orchards Project

Early in the year a meeting with Syd House and Mike Strachan of Forestry Commission Scotland resulted in the Co-ordinator preparing a project brief for a Carse of Gowrie Orchard Project. The FCS funded the Co-ordinator's attendance at the Traditional Orchard Management Conference in Pershore and a report on "Old Orchards - Essential Issues" was subsequently prepared and put on the website.

Arising from the information gleaned from the conference, the Co-ordinator researched a seminar for the Carse orchards and met with the FCS, Dr Hayes (orchard surveyor) and Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust regarding the proposed Carse orchard project. With funding from Perth & Kinross Council for fruit trees, three schools were encouraged to consider orchard projects.

The seminar, held at Inchtute Hotel in mid-October, ultimately attracted 85 delegates from all over Central Scotland and directly led to the formation of the Historic Orchards Forum for the Carse of Gowrie. Excellent publicity ensued and all the papers/ presentations from the event were added to the website.

In November a meeting was held with VisitScotland and the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust to discuss a potential eco-tourism project in the Carse, the first being an Orchard Trail on one of the core paths near Errol. This became a reality in the spring of 2008. The confirmation that Gleneagles Hotel's new Tourism Donation Scheme would focus on safeguarding the Carse Orchards also led to the Co-ordinator taking part in a familiarisation visit of the orchards for 40 Gleneagles staff.

A well-attended project planning workshop was held in November which led to an evening conference mid-December attracting an audience of more than 40 local people and speakers from the only commercial cider-maker in Scotland (Berwickshire). The Co-ordinator also discussed the widening of the overall project across Tayside with the Angus Council Woodland Officer. The UKBAP Review added a Traditional Orchards

Habitat Action Plan at the end of 2007 and discussions were held as to the possibility of preparing a Tayside Traditional Orchards HAP to ensure biodiversity issues receive a high profile.

In January 2008 the new Historic Orchards Forum was set up and the Co-ordinator attended the first meetings to ensure biodiversity issues were taken into account with the ongoing project planning. With this in mind, a meeting was held with Craig Macadam of Buglife to discuss the funding of a national "orchards and invertebrates" poster leaflet, and contacts made for a future survey of lichens and bryophytes. To publicise the new UK Traditional Orchards HAP, Butterfly Conservation started to make plans for National Moth Night events to take place in orchards in 2008. The Co-ordinator liaised with the Museums Services in Dundee and Perth to ensure that Tayside is included in this national scheme.

As there was an urgent need for practical training courses in Tayside, the Co-ordinator organised a Winter Pruning course at Port Allan Orchard (near Errol) which made a modest profit for the Partnership. Funding was also secured to run a Community Workshop on setting up school and community orchards. As part of this event funding from Perth & Kinross Council ensured the planting of a row of heritage fruit trees at Cistern Green, Errol - the first Scottish Children's Orchard site in Tayside. A Programme of Events was prepared for 2008 with additional practical training and community events such as Apple Day. The latter will fit in with the aims of Cittaslow Perth (the Slow Food Movement) which is also keen to be part of the orchard projects.

Red Squirrel Forum

The Tayside & Fife Red Squirrel Forum met regularly, attended by the new Tayside Red Squirrel Officer and chaired by Forestry Commission Scotland. Two meetings were held in December 2007 and February 2008. The Forum brings together the voluntary Perth & Kinross Red Squirrel Group, Angus Squirrel Group and Dundee Red Squirrel Project and is attended by the Red Squirrel Officer from Fife and Scottish Red Squirrel Survey Co-ordinator.

A reprint of the second issue of the Tayside Red Squirrel Newsletter was achieved in early 2008 (funded by the Woodland sub-group). Most of the reprint will be used in the new Red Squirrel Householders' Packs being prepared by the various Red Squirrel groups; these will be distributed widely throughout Tayside.

The Co-ordinator advised the Highland Red Squirrel Officer regarding a talk in Comrie, and generally assisted the Perth & Kinross Red Squirrel Group and Forum in potential future projects and publicity.

2007-08

One meeting was attended. The Carse of Gowrie Historic Orchard Forum and Tayside & Fife Orchards Network were both set up as a direct result of the successful orchard seminar held in Tayside (85 delegates). The Wildlife Tree Project was piloted in three schools in Perthshire and a much wider project discussed with Angus Council to replace the National Tree Week in 2008. Two Tayside & Fife Red Squirrel Forum meetings were attended and the Red Squirrel Action Plan discussed with members.

2008-09: the Co-ordinator will continue to assist partners in obtaining funding for projects and/or publicising them in the national biodiversity press. Working with the local authority Tree Officers, additional funds will be researched for the "Wildlife Tree Project" Information Pack, and small tree planting grants (including orchards) for schools and communities. The Co-ordinator will also assist partners in publicising Red Squirrel issues.

The Co-ordinator will continue to contribute to the overall Tayside Orchards Project (in particular the Historic Orchards of the Carse of Gowrie), researching funding for biodiversity surveys and appropriate publications, and a future Orchard Management seminar.

3.41 Education Sub-Group

As sub-group leader, the Co-ordinator chaired three meetings in mid-July, October 2007 and January 2008.

Behind the scenes meetings with Grounds for Learning and Scottish Origins confirmed general interest in the Bee Wild Project although there was no specific funding to take it forward during 2007-08.

The potential for Tayside to join the "Scottish Wildlife Counts" Project (BTCV, Perth & Kinross Ranger Service and Perth Museum) was considered, but funding issues precluded taking the matter further for the time being. An initial meeting with staff at McManus Collections led to a follow up meeting with Perth Museum regarding the Mammal Atlas and proposed Tayside Recorders' Forum seminar/training events. The event went ahead in mid-March 2008 with approximately 50 people present.

The remaining TBP recycled pens and pencils were in much demand and were distributed widely at events held by the Ranger Services throughout Tayside, Dundee City Council Greenspace events, the Angus Countryside Initiative Estate Day for 180 Dundee schoolchildren, the Hillcrest Tenants' Day in Dundee, and Backyard Biodiversity Day (Battleby). The pens were also included in all the delegates' packs arranged for the lunch-time seminars, community workshops and events held under the "Building Better Biodiversity" banner.

Articles and photographs were researched, funding confirmed and an 8-page "From Summit to Sand" Newsletter went to print in time to be launched at the SITA TBAF Reception on 4th March 2008. The website version went online the same day.

Scottish Biodiversity Week 2007 and 2008

Press release templates were prepared and circulated for partners to use to publicise the events planned during 2007. Details of the Tayside events were included on the website and on the SBF website. Feedback was provided to the SBF and plans made for a larger number of events in 2008.

Liaison with the Scottish Biodiversity Forum and SNH led to one of the events planned for 2008 being included in the Top Ten Scottish Events 2008 (featured in the national leaflet - 40,000 copies) - the Co-ordinator prepared and submitted an application to the Perth & Kinross Arts Grant for £2,000 to run the Perth Biodiversity Street Theatre. Although this bid was unsuccessful, monies were finally made available from the new SITA TBAF Promotion Funding.

Research, Co-ordinate and Promote Training Programme ('Building Better Biodiversity Programme')

Owing to the office move and subsequent disruption at the beginning of the year, much of the 'Building Better Biodiversity' programme was delayed until the latter part of the year. However, with the introduction of two community workshops and working with local authority partners, 245 people attended the seminars and workshops on offer, bringing the total since the inception of the Programme to 745 people. The audience for the practitioner events continues to be very mixed: staff from statutory bodies and Non-Governmental Organisations, different Council departments, private businesses, and consultants.

Fourteen attendees attended the "Urban Grassland Management" workshop in June (including DCC, AC, PKC staff, SCRI and Scottish Water Solutions). From this, the Partnership liaised with PKC for them to set up a Tayside-wide event "Larks and Parks" with Chester-le-Street District Council staff. A follow up meeting was subsequently held with DCC and BFEP to roll out similar project in Tayside.

In the autumn two "Bats and Trees" workshops were offered, one in Dundee (32 people), the other in Perth (25 people). They attracted delegates from all over Tayside, plus Stirling and Edinburgh.

The first BBB event of 2008 took place in 28 January in Dundee: "Tree Planting Opportunities with a Difference - The Scottish Children's Orchard" - 14 people attended. The associated Community and School Orchards Workshop took place in February at Errol with the first Scottish Children's Orchard planting taking place in Tayside - 32 people attended the workshop.

In early March 36 people attended the "Gardens, Greenspace and Graveyards" Community Workshop in Perth. The event officially launched the Green Graveyard Initiative.

The first Tayside Recorders' Forum Day was also held in mid-March with c50 people present. The event was planned by the three local authority Museum Services and the TBP. Professor Price, the Partnership's Chair, kindly agreed to chair the event.

2007-08

Three meetings were held. The "From Summit to Sand" Newsletter was published - and put online. It was widely distributed to local communities, schools, all Partners and across Scotland via the Scottish Biodiversity Forum and LBAP Officers' Network. Eleven Tayside events contributed to Scottish Biodiversity Week 2007. Feedback on the media coverage and numbers attending went directly to the Scottish Biodiversity Forum. With the introduction of two community events, seven "Building Better Biodiversity" training workshops were held, attended by 245 people in total.

2008-09: With the sub-group, the 2009 Tayside Biodiversity Festival will be planned, together with a Mammal Atlas (Perth & Kinross), and the Tayside Bee Wild Communities and Schools Project which will link in with the ZOOM bumblebee project. Practitioner training will continue under the "Building Better Biodiversity" banner - continue to widen the scope of events to include lunch-time seminars, half day practitioners' workshops and full-day community workshops.

(4.) Promote Community Involvement in Biodiversity Projects

In addition to the NGO organisations represented on the TBP's sub-groups, support was given to the following organisers of projects to encourage involvement in the biodiversity process:

- Bat Conservation Trust - Dundee City Bat Project;
- Broughty Ferry Environmental Project - various projects, including Hourglass, FLOW, Acoustic Ecology and Orchar Park projects;
- Butterfly Conservation - potential projects throughout Tayside, particularly Highland Perthshire;
- Baxter Park Friends - wet woodland community project;
- Dunning Community Woodland Group;
- Guildtown Community Association - hedge and community woodland projects;
- Guide Dogs for the Blind (Forfar) - incorporation of biodiversity into new build;
- John Muir Awards - various Tayside projects;
- Kindrogan Field Centre - bird hide and otter projects;
- Murton Trust - Sand martins and other projects;
- Scripture Union (Lendrick Muir) - pond and wildflower meadow project (and other links via BOOLS, Swifts and Bats).

Business and Biodiversity

The Co-ordinator continued to work with the Business Environment Partnership (BEP) to advise businesses in Tayside. Hillcrest Housing Association invited both the BEP and TBP to a presentation on their new Business Biodiversity Action Plan. Survey advice was also proffered to Taypack Potatoes to assist with their Business BAP. BM Cordah contacted the Partnership to discuss its proposed projects in Montrose and its potential Business BAP. Time was also given to the Dunning Community Group when they were considering drawing up a BAP as part of their Management Plan.

Axis-Shield Co (Dundee) contacted the Partnership in respect of a staff conservation project it was carrying out. The Co-ordinator prepared a Swift Project proposal for potential funding by the company. The initial funding was, however, given to the Tayside Red Squirrel Project.

Further contacts were made with the Scottish Golf Environment Group and potential projects discussed (including the Dundee Bat Project, Red Squirrel Project links, and the Angus Golf Course Ponds Project with FWAG).

VisitScotland became a working partner with the TBP with meetings to discuss the tourism potential for the Carse of Gowrie orchards and the setting up of the first Orchard Trail. This led to taking part in a familiarisation visit to the Carse by Gleneagles Hotel staff with resultant funding for practical projects.

Earlier in the year the Co-ordinator had returned to Gleneagles Hotel and Estate to discuss potential swift, bat and community projects, including the improvement of the hotel's Nursery biodiversity garden. All Perth & Kinross Tourist Information Centres regularly received TBP publications. The Co-ordinator commented on VisitScotland's Big Tree Country Wildlife Tourism Toolkit to ensure biodiversity issues were included.

Progress was made with the Perthshire Housing Association's Muirton Landscape Masterplan with the Co-ordinator giving advice on community orchards, Green Gym potential, and the possibility of wildlife gardening training days for residents.

The SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund

The Co-ordinator advised a large number of potential applicants on general funding opportunities and, with the Perth Quality of Life Trust Administrator, handled applications for the SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund with liaison with Entrust. Evaluation and assessment reports were prepared for the Partnership's Assessment Panel and the Co-ordinator attended each quarterly PQLT Board meeting to present the reports.

19 successful applications were processed during 2007-08:

- Sustain Dundee - Dundee Red Squirrel Project: £4,250
- Angus & Tayside Conservation Group - Tern Conservation in Tayside: £15,500
- FWAG (Perthshire) - Fingask and White Lochs Project: £6,848
- SWT - Tummel Shingle Islands Project: £15,000
- Scottish Agricultural College - Highland Perthshire Water Vole: £12,850
- Scottish Agricultural College - Perthshire Barn Owl Project: £3,900
- SWT - Seaton Cliffs Communities Enhancement: £17,825
- SWT - Osprey Protection Officers (Loch of the Lowes): £14,000
- Angus Council - St Margaret's House Swift Project (Forfar): £1,572
- Broughty Ferry Environmental Project - FLOW (Phase 3): £7,500
- Murton Trust - Sand Martin Wall Extension: £952
- Murton Trust - Grey Partridge Breeding Scheme: £2,350
- Murton Trust - Little Ringed Plover Habitat Enhancement: £2,000*
- RSPB - Floodplain Grazing Marsh Biodiversity Enhancement: £36,000*
- PKC - Project Bumble Bee: £8,000*
- SWT - Balnaguard Glen Juniper Project: £13,200*
- SWT - Keltneyburn Calcareous Grassland Improvement: £14,100*
- SWT - Brerachan Northern Hay Meadow Enhancement: £5,640*
- Tayside Foundation - Tay District Invasive Plants Control Programme: £3,000*

** totals to be confirmed by PQLT*

The project value for these projects, in total, is £184,487 with some projects covering two or more years.

2007-08

In addition to the NGO organisations represented on the TBP's sub-groups, eleven organisations' projects were supported and 19 successful applications processed for the SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund. Via the Business Environment Partnership, three businesses were supported: Hillcrest Housing Association, B.M. Cordah and Taypack Potatoes. Excellent links were made with both VisitScotland and Gleneagles Hotel.

2008-09: the SITA TBAF enters its fourth year of funding. The Co-ordinator will continue working with applicants, focussing on both UKBAP and LBAP priorities.

(5.) Promote Joint Working with Organisations Within and Outwith the TBP

Perth & Kinross Council

Environment Service - meetings were attended and advice given on greenspace management, including grass cutting regime changes as part of the Green Graveyard Initiative, Larghan Park wetland and wildflower meadow areas; potential Craigie Burn wetland project; over-tidying of Norrie Park ponds; biodiversity bank management; Giant Hogweed and Knotweed Policy; plantplug and wildflower seed viability; and golf course management.

Roads Department - the Co-ordinator attended the PKC Perth Lade Management Group meetings to pave the way for a biodiversity project on the Lade. Advice was also given regarding hedge cutting in May and general road verge management.

Planning Department - in October, the Co-ordinator joined members of the Farmland sub-group (RSPB, SAC, FWAG) to meet with PKC to discuss potential links and advice for EU legislative requirements/ with particular emphasis on steading conversions, town centre new builds and greenspace management. In the New Year, improved delivery of biodiversity within the local authority was discussed (with potential training being mooted). This resulted in the Planning Seminar: "Biodiversity - it's in my Hands" being held in April 2008.

Planning queries included swift and bat issues in the Hillside Hospital demolition, proposed orchard development at Grange, NGO advice regarding Pitlochry planning application, River Tay Defence Plans, large-scale tree/scrub felling at a Muir Homes development, Kinross planning survey, Watervole issues on the Craigie Burn, and a Barn Owl query in a Kinross-shire steading conversion.

Ranger Service - liaison continued, especially as regards the Swift Survey and the potential for a Bat Project along the Lade. Queries from PKC schools included Tulloch about their pond project, Blairgowrie and Perth High regarding School Orchard funding, and Straloch regarding the Bee Wild Project.

Input was also given to PKC staff compiling biodiversity indicators - including liaison with Macaulay Institute, Farmland sub-group and the LBAPO Network. The Co-ordinator also commented on the PKC SEA (Core Paths Network).

In the spring of 2008 Perth & Kinross Council kindly sponsored a quarter page TBP advertisement in its Waste Management booklet (57,000 copies) valued at over £600 with in-kind design work prepared by PKC.

Angus Council

Regular "biodiversity surgeries" were held throughout 2007-08 with a wide variety of staff: AC Economic Development (projects and links with biodiversity); AC Architect (incorporating biodiversity into school newbuilds); Youth Council - Fairlie House biodiversity garden (Kirriemuir); biodiversity project at The Retreat, Glenesk; Roads Dept regarding verge management contracts; AC Museums, Planners and Ranger Service (local recording methodology); Angus Rural Partnership.

Angus Ranger Service - discussions were held regarding actions in the Businesses with Land HAP (Orchardbank Business Park) and the Green Graveyard Initiative. The potential for AC Rangers undertaking verge surveys for the Roads Department was also discussed.

Planning queries included the Carnoustie sand dune path and the Barry Buddon grazing animals project; a Review of the "Incorporating Biodiversity into Local Authority Services" checklist was commenced.

Housing Dept - the Co-ordinator met with John Morrow and, with the Ranger Service, was part of the photocall for swift and bat boxes on William Wallace House, Forfar.

Dundee City Council

Leisure & Arts - the Co-ordinator met with DCC staff to discuss future grassland management, and then met other staff and the Project Officer from the Broughty Ferry Environmental Project to discuss the community potential of biodiversity projects in a number of city parks, especially Baxter Park, Dudhope Park and Riverside. The potential for a Wildlife Trees Project in Camperdown and a Wildlife Centre Mason Bee Project was also explored.

Planning issues included the demolition of a property at Broughty Ferry and the possibility of a Swift Nest Site Conservation Policy. During 2007 an opportunity regarding the latter was researched with Property contractors at the council's Dochart Terrace properties.

The Co-ordinator attended one Dundee Partnership for the Environment meeting during the year. Biodiversity input was invited into the Dundee Play Strategy. A meeting with the Dundee and Perth & Kinross Museum Services resulted in the Local Recorders' Forum meeting being planned and held in March 2008.

SEPA

Proposals to enhance SEPA's Perth office grounds were discussed with staff. This included the opportunity for increasing the potential for Swifts, Bats and invertebrates - especially bumblebees to fit in with the new Zoom Project).

LBAP Officers' Network

The Co-ordinator kept in touch with neighbouring LBAPOs with occasional meetings and e-mail contact. This included a meeting with the new Stirling LBAPO to discuss joint projects, liaison with the Clacks LBAPO regarding the joint Clacks, Kinross-shire and Perthshire Catchment Project, the Cairngorms LBAPO regarding Sand Martin wall construction, and Dunbartonshire LBAPO regarding Tayside's original Local Patch Project and survey forms.

Two LBAPO Network meetings were held during 2007-08: in Motherwell (September 2007) and Melrose (March 2008). The UKBAP Conference came to Scotland (Aviemore) and this two day event was also attended.

2007-08

The UK and (separate) Scottish Biodiversity Indicators were published late 2007. Input was given to PKC staff compiling their own suite of biodiversity indicators - this involved liaison with Macaulay Institute, the Farmland sub-group and the LBAPO Network. Mainstreaming biodiversity into local authority services continued throughout the year with increased input into Partnership projects across the services, as well as the opportunity to expand knowledge and share good practice on key issues such as grassland management.

2008-09: A Review of the actions proposed within the Partnership's "Incorporating Biodiversity into Local Services" document started in Angus should be widened to include the other local authorities; meetings in Dundee and Perth & Kinross will help raise awareness of the biodiversity duty.

(6.) Identify and Promote Action for Priority National Biodiversity Habitats and Species at the Local Level

The two-day UKBAP Conference, held in Aviemore for 2007, was attended. A great deal of networking took place not just with known Scottish contacts, but with new Welsh and English contacts too.

(7.) BARS Monitoring

The UKBAP Review was completed late 2007 which led to a delay in entering the Partnership's Actions on to the UK Biodiversity Action Recording System. BARS training was requested for the TBP Clerical Assistant, but despite days arranged by the JNCC/Scottish Biodiversity Forum, illness in JNCC resulted in all training being postponed until 2008-09.

2008-09: Project Priority actions will be input to BARS so that the Partnership can take part in the UK BAP Reporting Round 2008.

(8.) Research and Co-ordination of 2nd Tranche HAPs and SAPs

Throughout the year, amendments were made to the 2nd Tranche HAPs and SAPs. Unfortunately pressure of other work precluded their finalisation and publication on the website.

2008-09: The finalised 2nd Tranche of the TBAP will be published on the website.

(9.) Training

The Co-ordinator attended DCC training on Staff Management, the two day FACT/GAP conference "Tools & Techniques for Pastoralism and Wildlands" in Stirling, and the SNH Funding Seminar in Birnam. With Forestry Commission Scotland funding, the Co-ordinator also attended the seminar "Old Orchards - Essential Issues" in Worcestershire.

Supporting the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership

Funding for the year 2007-08 came from Scottish Natural Heritage (35%) and the three local authorities (65%). Much in-kind help came from many other quarters: a number of Partners hosted the Steering Group, Management Team and sub-group meetings, as well as the Building Better Biodiversity seminars. Most of the work of the sub-groups and Steering Group is undertaken voluntarily. Fife Council and Perth & Kinross Council kindly loaned PowerPoint equipment on a number of occasions. Angus FWAG, Perth & Kinross and Dundee City Councils donated exhibition space for the Partnership's display banners.

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This Report has been compiled by Catherine Lloyd, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, on behalf of the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

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TAYSIDE SWIFT NESTBOX TRIALS PROJECT

Trial Site	Building type	Comments	Nestbox Allocation	2007-08 Monitoring Report
Dunkeld (Little Houses), Perthshire - NTS	Traditional properties	High PR potential both in local press and in NTS publications/ on site publicity potential	1x Single 1 x Swift/Bat	Planning application and listed building consent required. Awaiting appointment of new NTS building surveyor who will apply for permission. Putting up the box will therefore be delayed until 2008.
PKC Crieff office Perthshire	Traditional property (owned by PKC)		2 x Single	Strathearn Herald and Courier (2 x articles): photocall with DM, CL. No swifts nesting 2007 but there were 'fly-bys'. Swifts nesting close by so hopeful for 2008 - plan on using swift call CD. Will monitor 2008.
Crieff Hospital Perthshire	Modern building	May ultimately prove unsuitable, but will be re-used if this is the case.	2 x old-style	Strathearn Herald (1 x article): photocall with Hospital staff, DM and CL. No swifts nesting 2007, but will monitor 2008.
Ballinluig Primary School, Perthshire	(no details)	1 st School Swift Project	1 x old-style	In place - will be monitored by the school children during 2008.
Dundee Ranger Service Camperdown House, Dundee	Traditional property		1 x single 1 x swallow cup	Nestbox not used, except for demonstration purposes at Ranger events. To be returned to TBP.
Eco House Demonstration Site, Dundee (DCC)	1970s Bungalow	Demonstration site to show property not suitable for swift nestboxes (although opportunity to add roof ridge for swifts).	1 x House Martin Terrace 1 x Swallow cup and 1 x droppings board	Delay in putting up nestboxes owing to ongoing delay in completing Eco House.
Broughty Ferry Library (BFEP)	Traditional property with modern extension	Opportunity to publicise project throughout Broughty Ferry via BFEP	1 x Single 1 x swallow cup	To be erected during 2008.
Lillybank Resource Centre, Forfar, Angus (AC)	Modern	Opportunity to publicise the project throughout Forfar	1 x single 1 x House Martin cup and 1 x droppings board	Boxes in place. Monitoring will take place during summer 2008. Tie in publicity with swift survey 2008.
Guide Dogs for the Blind, Forfar, Angus	Modern commercial property	Near wildlife corridor and new Wm Wallace swift nestboxes (AC)	1 x Swift / Bat 1 x house martin cup and 1 x droppings board	Boxes not in place yet. Hopefully put up at same time as next phase of Orchardbank SITA funded swift project in 2008. Tie in publicity with swift survey 2008.

King Builders Auchterarder, Perthshire	Modern building	Potential demonstration site in Auchterarder - still in negotiation	1 x swift brick	Letter written (by PKC Rangers) to King 2007; no response. King bought over by Stewart Milne - further contact will be made during 2008.
Monikie, Newbigging, Angus	Modern buildings	Potential demonstration site at large rural development - no progress	N/A	Letter written (by Angus Rangers) to developers; no response.

Appendix 2

STEERING GROUP MEMBERS 2007-08

Pam Coutts	Angus Council
Stewart Roberts	Angus Council
Merrill Smith	Dundee City Council
Alison Anderson	Dundee City Council
Bryan Harris	Dundee City Council
Syd House	Forestry Commission Scotland
Mike Strachan	Forestry Commission Scotland
Tim Barrett	Forestry Commission Scotland (from March 2008)
Carol Littlewood	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (Angus)
Richard Lockett	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (Perth)
Kate Scott	National Farmers' Union Scotland
Ben Notley	National Trust for Scotland
Martin Price	Perth College (Centre for Mountain Studies) (Chairman, TBP, from October 2004)
Graham Esson	Perth and Kinross Council
Esther Roger-Nicolls	Perth & Kinross Council
Mark Simmons	Perth and Kinross Council
Bruce Anderson	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Christine Hall	Scottish Agricultural College
Alan Hendry	Scottish Government RPID (SGRPID)
Bruce Campbell	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Martyn Jamieson	Scottish Field Studies Association
Paul Ramsay	Scottish Rural Property and Business Association
Carolyn Deasley (vacant)	Scottish Natural Heritage
Catherine Lloyd	Scottish Wildlife Trust
	Tayside Biodiversity Co-ordinator

BUSINESS PLAN 2007-10 - PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING (as at March 2008)

1.	Golf course Initiative
2.	Dune Restoration
3.	Geodiversity Trails
4.	Tayside Terns
5.	Firth of Tay Wader & Wildfowl Audit
6.	Tayside Barn Owl Projects
7.	Highland Perthshire Calcareous Grassland Project
8.	Farmland Birds
9.	Perthshire & Angus Treelines
10.	Farm Buildings for Biodiversity
11.	Irrigation Ponds
12.	Small Blue Butterfly
13.	Wet Grassland for Waders
14.	Living Field Study Centre
15.	Perthshire Hedgerow & Tree Project
16.	"ZOOM" Bumblebee Project (originally Local Patch Project)
17.	Invasive Species
18.	Tayside Green Graveyard Initiative
19.	Tayside Swift Project
20.	Tayside Red Squirrel Project (incorporating the original Red Squirrel Conservation Project)
21.	Watercourse HAP
22.	Sand Martins in Tayside
23.	Urban Grassland
24.	Green/Living roofs
25.	Community Gardens, Orchards & Allotments
26.	Acoustic Ecology
27.	Highland Tayside Paths Impacts Project
28.	Tayside Upland Heath Project
29.	Butterfly Conservation Initiative
30.	Tayside Ponds Project
31.	Perth Lade Enhancement
32.	Mammal Road Death Survey (originally Otter Road Death Survey)
33.	River Earn Invasive Species
34.	River Tay Tributary Initiative
35.	Salmon in the Classroom
36.	Water Vole and Mink Project
37.	Freshwater Pearl Mussel
38.	Green Tourism Scheme
39.	Woodland Management Awareness
40.	Management of Non-Timber Forest Products
41.	Wildlife Tree Project
42.	Woodland Grazing Initiative
43.	Ancient Tree Hunt
44.	Tayside Orchards Project (incorporating the Carse of Gowrie Historic Orchards Project)
45.	Sheltered Housing & Hospitals Biodiversity Project
46.	Tayside Biodiversity Festival
47.	Mammal Atlas
48.	Countryside on Wheels Farm Bus
49.	Bee Wild Communities and Schools Project
50.	Community and Education Biodiversity Awards
51.	Practitioner Training

BUILDING BETTER BIODIVERSITY FEEDBACK ANALYSIS 2007-08

Event	Title	Hosted by	Financed by
June 2007	Urban Grassland Management Workshop (half day)	SCRI at the Living Field Studies Centre	-
September 2007	Bats and Trees Workshop (half day)	TBP at the Dundee Botanic Gardens	TBP
October 2007	Bats and Trees Lunch-time Seminar	Perth & Kinross Council	Perth & Kinross Council
October 2007	Carse of Gowrie Orchards: Research, Restoration and Management (one day seminar)	Forestry Commission Scotland, Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust and TBP at Inchtute Hotel	Forestry Commission Scotland
January 2008	Scottish Children's Orchard: Tree Planting Opportunities with a Difference (lunch time seminar)	TBP and Dundee City Council	Forestry Commission Scotland and TBP
February 2008	School and Community Orchard Workshop (full day community workshop)	TBP at Errol Community Hall (with volunteer help from the village of Errol)	Forestry Commission Scotland and TBP
March 2008	Gardens, Greenspace and Graveyard Workshop (full day community workshop)	TBP at St Matthews, Perth (with volunteer help from St Matthews Eco-Congregation)	Perth & Kinross Council and TBP

Feedback reports below (prepared by Rachael Higgins):

Urban Grassland Management for Biodiversity	
Morning Workshop - 26th June 2007 - Living Field Study Centre, Scottish Crop Research Institute, Invergowrie	
Hosted by SCRI	
Speaker: Dallas Seawright, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust	
Organiser: Catherine Lloyd	
Names of Attendees:	
Ian Whitehead (Dundee City Council) David Williamson (Perth & Kinross Council) Ian Ford Clare Pond (Scottish Water Solutions) Claire Chapman (Scottish Water Solutions) Craig Borland (Angus Council Ranger Service) Mhairi Kimmet (Angus Council Ranger Service) 3 x no names David Hughes (Dundee City Council) Brenda Clough (Perth & Kinross Council) Lesley Cassidy (Perth & Kinross Council) SCRI Attendee TOTAL:14	
Number of feedback forms received:	
10	
Was the Format of a Half Day Workshop Convenient for you?	
YES	NO
10	0
Was the Venue Convenient?	
YES	NO
10	0
If other events (lunchtime seminars, workshops, site visits etc.) are held elsewhere in Tayside would you still be able to attend?	
YES	NO
10	0
Was the Workshop of Interest?	
Excellent technical background / Useful Info Yes, filled in some gaps in existing knowledge	

Yes
 Definitely, and entertaining; enjoyed the speaker's style
 Yes, excellent
 Yes, definitely
 Yes
 Yes
 Yes, very enjoyable

Could we have Improved it?

Need to influence higher level of management within LA's
 Management / organisational bottlenecks & more case studies or success in overcoming obstacles.
 Would have been useful at beginning to know who was who.
 Perhaps talking about approaches to make, to 'influence' clients in taking on biodiversity methods.
 Please come and do the workshop at Forfar Loch Country Park.
 Could look at practical ways of changing amenity grassland to biodiversity species mix.
 Maybe site visits?

**What other training on greenspace/urban grassland issues should we consider offering? Please suggest format - workshop, site visit, etc.
 Who should training be for? (Name colleagues / departments we should invite)**

Machinery for biodiversity management / Cost-effectiveness & economics / Grounds maintenance staff & managers.
 Need to do the same for operatives / supervisors.
 Managers of mowing staff!
 Scottish Water / Environment & Regulations Dept.
 I would like to see trainers visiting trainees on site & offering management advice e.g. cutting regimes, machinery requirements etc.
 Senior managers / Leisure & Communities workshops - Urban grasslands not for hay production but for amenity value.
 Practical for ground squads and managers to look at practical machinery.

If you have any suggestions for other subjects we should consider (broader issues; specific habitat management or species) please list

Woodland.
 Invasive species.
 Habitat management for specific species of flora and fauna.

Bats & Trees
 Workshop -
 Feedback
 Report

2:00 - 4:30pm - 10th September 2007- Dundee Botanical Gardens

Speaker: Anne Youngman, BCT

Organiser: Catherine Lloyd

Names of Attendees:

Anne Youngman (speaker) Bat Conservation Trust
Catherine Lloyd (co-ordinator) Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
Rachael Higgins (TBP)
George Addison (Angus Council)
Charlie Strachan (Angus Council)
Sally Young (Angus Council)
Ann Lolley - Broughty Ferry Environment Project
Mark Duncan - Forestry Commission Scotland
John Montgomery - Forestry Commission Scotland
Simone Medonos - Scottish Water Solutions
Clare Pond - Scottish Water Solutions

Grace-Rose Miller - Scottish Water Solutions
David Hunter - Scottish Water Solutions
Fred Conacher - Tree Officer, Angus Council
Simon Wall - Scottish Water Solutions
Kathy Longmuir - Countryside Ranger Service, DCC
George Ward - Carse of Gowrie Group
Samantha Higgins - Broughty Ferry Environment Project
Caroline Walker - Broughty Ferry Environment Project
Bid Strachan - Forestry Commission, Tentsmuir
Alex Easson - Forestry Commission, Tentsmuir
Shirley Paterson - Landmarc, Stirling
Kelvin Lang - Landmarc,
Stirling

Alasdair Morrison - Scottish Water Solutions

Total No. of Attendees:24

Cancellations:

Ben Fisher - Scottish Water Solutions
Bruce Crichton - Arboretum International
Chris Taylor - Arboretum International
Matthew Wade - Arboretum International
Euan Macormick - Arboretum International
Paul Hanson - Arboretum International
Andrew Grant - Scottish Water Waste Services
Brian Tasker - Countryside Ranger Service, DCC
Doug Shearer - Forestry Dept., Dundee City Council

Number of feedback forms received:

19

Was the format of an afternoon workshop convenient for you?

YES NO

19 0

Was the Venue Convenient?

YES NO

19 0

If other events (lunchtime seminars, workshops, site visits etc.) are held elsewhere in Tayside would you still be able to attend?

YES NO

Was the Workshop of Interest? - did it live up to its promises?

Yes - very informative

Yes - very interesting

Yes - a good amount of useful, relevant information

Yes - very useful

Yes - good introduction to 'what to look out for' and help when considering habitat versus the need to fell

Worthwhile Good info about looking out for roost sites as I had no experience with bats

Yes - perhaps there was time to add a few more general points of interest about bats

Yes - excellent, informative & well presented

Yes x 11

Could we have Improved it?

No x 3

Only by having actual bat roosts to see

If the walk was to be in a natural wood, with examples of natural roost sites

Yes, very slightly

With a further / longer site visit with better bat habitat

Perhaps another site for the outdoor session with older trees

Perhaps add info about mitigation measures in developments e.g.: if bypass cuts off 'wildlife corridors', how they have been 'put back'.

How planners are making developers become aware in design work, as well as demolition etc.

It would be good to hear more about conservation, bat status and threats to the bat species

A site visit to view bat roosts

An introduction to the shape of common bats (spp. we are likely to see)

It would have been good to see a 'real' roost site

A better venue i.e.: more knackered trees were required to demonstrate potential bat roosts - perhaps Camperdown Park / Monikie Country Park

Maybe a different location for this particular subject

A few older trees to see with appropriate roosts on the walk!

If you have any suggestions or any other comments please list

Natural history of each species of bat found in Scotland. Badgers within Tayside - history & natural history

BAPs - specific information on the Local BAP. Thank you

A tailored talk for Scottish Water - type work - pipes, tunnels, old buildings, trees - info on where we might come across bats in such a line of work

I would be interested in similar workshops for example - on Otters, Watervoles etc.

Advice on becoming bat licensed! Thanks

Thank you very much

Waterway Surveys (BCT) / Surveying Bridges (BCT) / Bats & Buildings - Awareness Course (BCT) - many thanks

Was the format of an afternoon workshop convenient for you?

YES NO
9 0

Was the Venue Convenient?

YES NO
9 0

If other events (lunchtime seminars, workshops, site visits etc.) are held elsewhere in Tayside would you still be able to attend?

YES NO
8 1

Was the Workshop of Interest? - did it live up to its promises?

Yes x 2

Yes, excellent

Yes, very informative

Yes, it kept to the subject matter which was good, though it whet the appetite to find out more detailed info on bats rather than bats and trees...

Yes it was of interest, although the importance of bats wasn't stressed enough. We were told they were protected but weren't told why and what their importance is for biodiversity

More information on how they like to live in them...holes about so big, flight lines etc.

Yes, and I managed to learn a few more things about bats!

Could we have Improved it?

No x 3

No. Ideal level / length of time.

Some models of bats and their sizes? Maybe a video/dvd or two demonstrating how they use trees or what to look for.

No, I think it was fine. I was surprised at the lack of "evidence" behind understanding bat behaviour.

Get some planners to attend - make it compulsory

It would have been useful to have a little more detail about the role bats have in biodiversity

If you have any suggestions for future subjects to be covered (broader issues; specific habitat management or species) or any other comments please list

Control of Rabbits in private gardens, adjacent to council properties where residents don't mind!

Community creation and monitoring of biodiversity areas - there is a lot of information out there for people interested in improving the extent of biodiversity areas but little in the way of practical advice for working with communities and retaining their interest.

Case studies looking at the details of what a community worker can offer a local group would be interesting.

Please send list of events to Nick Mainprize, Operations Manager, Forestry Commission Perth & Argyll Conservancy, nick.mainprize@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

**The Carse of
Gowrie Orchards:
Survey,
Restoration &
Management**

One Day Seminar - 16 October 2007 - Inchtute Hotel, Inchtute, Perthshire

Seminar Chair: Syd House (Forestry Commission Scotland)
Speakers: Dr Crispin Hayes (CW Hayes Assocs.), Ron Gillies (Cairn O'Mhor Winery), Kay Lamb (Cittaslow Group),
 David Imray (Rural Devt. Contracts), Syd House (Forestry Commission)
Organiser: Catherine Lloyd (Tayside Biodiversity Partnership)

Names of Attendees:

Alan Beadie (Head Gardener, Estate Office, Glamis)	Diana Rettie (Local Resident)	Hugh Henderson (Local Resident)	Liz Yorke Ginter (CoGG Project Offi
Alison Black (Local Resident)	Diane Alderdice (Forth Valley Food Links)	Ian Grieve (Casa Gedzi, Inchtute)	Louise Myles (Isabella's Preserves,
Alan Young (Blairgowrie)	Dr Crispin Hayes (CW Hayes Associates Ltd)	Ian Whitehead (DCC Trees, Woods & Greenspace Officer)	Margaret Lear (Plants with Purpose)
Andrew Barrie (PKCT)	Dr John Hulbert (Provost PKC)	Isabel McDiarmid (Stirling Orchard Owner)	Mary Young (University of Dundee,
Andrew Thomson (Community Woodland Association)	Dr Trefor Woodford (CoG Paths Group)	Cllr Jack Coburn (Councillor, PKC / Chair Cittaslow)	Michael Almond (PKCTrust / Orchar
Bid Strachan (Forestry Commission Scotland)	Elaine Whiteley (Orchard Keeper, Perth)	Jackie Doe (Muirhouses Farm, Grange)	Michael Stefani (interested party)
Billy Murray (Gleneagles Hotel)	Eleanor Howie (Councillor PKC)	James Rettie (Local Resident)	Mike Stockley (Port Allan Orchard)
Bill Wilson (Fife Council / Local Resident)	Elizabeth Houghton (Local resident)	Jamie Maitland (Errol Park)	Mrs Stefani (interested party)
Caroline Quigley (Orchard Keeper, Midlothian)	Emma Roe (The Children's Orchard, Glasgow)	Jocelyn Tolley (Gleneagles Hotel)	Patricia Cox (Local Resident)
Catherine Herdman (Megginch Castle, Errol)	Estelle Ward (Orchard Keeper, Ballindean)	John Butterworth (Butterworths Orchard Nursery)	Paul Dodman (Newburgh Orchard G
Catherine Lloyd (Tayside Biodiversity Partnership)	Euan McLaughlan (PKC Planning)	John Hancox (The Childrens Orchard, Glasgow)	Paul Eddy (Local Orchard Keeper)
Catherine Smith (Archaeozoologist SUAT Ltd)	Fiona Davie (Mature Student, Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh)	<u>John Hulbert</u> <u>(Provost , PKC)</u>	Paul McLennan (PKCTrust)
Christine Hall (SAC)	Fiona Fisher (FF Landscape DesignLtd)	Kay Lamb (PKC Economic Devt.)	Peter Cox (Local Resident)
Cllr Peter Mulheron (PKC)	Fiona Smith (Gleneagles Hotel)	Kelso Russell (Local Resident)	Phyllis McKay (CoG, Surveyor)
David Imlay (Forestry Commission Scotland / local CoG resident)	Hazel McLean (Forestry Commission Scotland)	Ken Cox (Glendoick Garden Centre)	Polly Murray (Orchard Keeper, Fife)

Total Attendees: 79

Number of feedback forms received: 13

Please Rate the quality of the following aspects of the event - 1 is very poor and 5 is very good:

		1	2	3	4	5	n/a
Booking / registration process					4	9	
Travel Information provided	Number		1	1	1	8	2
Venue					4	9	
Quality of catering	of	1	3		4	5	
Quality of Facilitation	people				5	8	
Structure of whole day - i.e. morning seminar, afternoon site visit, opt. late afternoon tour				1	2	10	

Please Rate the sessions by ticking the relevant boxes - 1 is not very useful and 5 is very useful:

		1	2	3	4	5	n/a
Intro to Orchards & Tree -fruit Growing in Scotland (Syd House)				2	3	8	
Report on the Extent, Status & Condition of the Carse Orchards (Dr Crispin Hayes)	Number				3	10	
Adding Value to Locally-grown fruit - The Cairn O'Mhor Experience (Ron Gillies)	of			1	4	8	
The Slow Food Movement Integration Local Foods, Markets, Green Tourism (Kay Lamb)		4	1	4	2	1	1
Rural Development Contracts - Potential Grant Support (David Imray)	people			1	5	7	
Open Discussion - Way Forward (Syd House)				3	4	6	

What are the principal messages that you are taking away from this event?

14 out of 50+ orchards survive - highlighted threats to this land use type

There is a lot of interest - there are funding opportunities coming up

Guidance on practical aspects of establishing a new orchard. Knowledge on location / conditions of existing orchards in the Carse

Carse Orchards interest a large number of people (100 participants at meeting). Most value in the heritage / tourist aspect of OLD orchards - almost no commercial value in the support required for

The few remaining orchards. Need to collect material to identify varieties and establish a nursery of local varieties before more old trees die

Need continuity of ownership to ensure long-term survival of orchards.

We live in an area where people can make a substantial contribution to the quality of life in Scotland

Hope some way of marketing local fruit can be found to avoid all the waste

Conservation of local orchards and Carse of Gowrie varieties are priority!

That there is general interest in the old trees and orchards

There is potential within the Orchards but the owners need to clarify what they can do (and if they are prepared to do it) and what assistance is available to enable them to take this forward.

A detailed base-line survey is needed. Grants may be available for new orchards / management of relics but replanting old varieties is fraught

Remaining fragments of orchards in the Carse are really valuable and CAN be rescued. It is essential that they are protected

How much has already disappeared, and how we are in danger of losing what remains

The potential is there for the heritage / tourism industry, but commercially the old orchards are unlikely ever to be self-sufficient (&certainly never worth as much as they are if they are protected)

What do you now intend to do as a result of attending this event?

Upload data collected by orchard survey to Perth & Kinross Historic Environment Record - used for DC(?) / Public enquiries etc.

Work with others on an apple market in Errol

Promote indirect economic benefits (educational and tourism) of Carse "Orchards Trail". Continue plan to establish a new orchard on own land. Research demand / opportunity for community orchards.

Liaise with neighbours to try to keep the remaining trees at Wester Ballindean (West) orchard from development for housing. Investigate the new Rural Development Contracts - as outlined by DI

Pay more attention to the nurturing of my fruit trees and bushes

Research into the history of the Orchards of the Carse of Gowrie and the varieties. Also - Patrick Mathew. On completion of HND Horticulture with Plantsmanship

More pruning in the hope of extending the life of very old trees

Nothing meantime. Once a group has been formed with clear objectives then Cittaslow Perth may be able to offer assistance.

Looking out for old fruit trees. Would like to plant new orchards and get involved in network / forum

Plant heritage varieties

Would like to do my bit, on a modest scale, to preserve local heritage varieties, so I am planning to order a 'Bloody Ploughman' and a 'Lass O'Gowrie' from Butterworth's

Report on the event to Errol Community Council; attend any future events which may help me to better understand the needs of my own old fruit trees

Please rate how useful you thought the conference was overall for you - 1 is not very useful and 5 is very useful:

	no rating	1	2	3	4	5
Usefulness of Whole Conference				6	7	

Any other comments / reasons for rating:

Carse of Gowrie Group (Cogg.org.uk) would assist with organising local consultation, co-ordination & co-operative. Local co-operative foe (non) economic distribution of produce.

Events like the meeting on 16th October are not only valuable for transferring information and expertise, they also serve to strengthen local community bonding. This is essential at a time when the Carse of Gowrie is under huge pressure from development and the introduction of a transient, dormitory population with little permanent interest in the local environment.

There were many interesting places and people in the Carse, even more than I had expected from previous meetings with the Carse and its residents

Re: Local History Group. Under the CACE banner there is a very small group of local residents whose on-going project is the Murie Estate and its history. Operated on little or no funds and very part-time due to other commitments

Unfortunately I feel that only small remnants in sheltered locations are now viable. I think most trees are reaching the end of their natural life span and are vulnerable to windblow

Please keep me informed of future events

Excellent event, really good speakers and very enjoyable programme. The seminar has further raised my awareness of the value of orchards for biodiversity and I will take that work in Fife where possible

If existing vars can be identified, would like to see them listed on your website. If poss., noting vars still existing & where they might be obtained.

Also, surprised that Dr Hayes Bibliography did not mention Patrick Neill's 'On Scottish Gardens

& Orchards' (Edin 1813) - Chapter on CoG describes 30 orchards & lists apples & pears grown at Monorgan & also at Paw of Errol / Port Allan, which might be useful for identification purposes.

It will be important to enthuse the public at large (through, e.g, the Apple Days) if we want to safeguard the remaining orchards

Please suggest ideas for future seminars, workshops, public events, practical training:

Practical workshops - Best Practice to Establish a New Orchard and How to Manage

Liaise with local beekeepers (for pollination event). Make sure that Carse village notice boards carry your adverts. Make contact with Carse of Gowrie Group and CACE for possible

Planting fruit trees and soft fruit bushes

Plant / Fruit Identification Days. Planting and establishing an Orchard

A second seminar to report on progress - one year on.

Policy planning seminar on relict orchards including SNH, Historic Scotland's Garden History Society (keep the register of designed landscapes) FCS, ERAD, - Protection & Management

Could you produce some info leaflets on winter pruning etc covering the main topics which would be taught on your

proposed training courses.

Care of Geriatric Fruit Trees

If you are able to host an event please let us know

Yes - perhaps on Best Practice to Establish and Manage an Orchard - on a small scale - have a small holding at North Grange

The Scottish Children's Orchard - Tree Planting Opportunities with a Difference	
28th January 2008 - Floor 13, Tayside House, Dundee Lunch-time seminar	
Speaker:	John Hancox - Scottish Children's Orchard, Glasgow
Organiser:	Catherine Lloyd
Names of Attendees:	
Catherine Lloyd - Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Martyn Jamieson - Kindrogan Field Studies Centre Daniele Muir - Perth & Kinross Council Ranger Service Lesley Wood - Crombie Country Park Ranger Service Norman Greig - Monikie Country Park Ranger Service Sandra Penman - Scottish Natural Heritage Theresa Lynn - Environment Arts, DCC	Douglas Paterson - Freelance Artist Craig Borland - Forfar Loch Country Park Ranger Service Peter Sandwell - Leisure & Communities, DCC Ann Lolley - Broughty Ferry Environment Group Angus - Broughty Ferry Environment Group Alex Fowles - Blackness Primary School Rachael Higgins - Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
Total Attendees: 14	
Number of Feedback Forms Received: 9	
Was the format of a "lunch-time" seminar convenient for you?	
YES 9	NO 0
Was the Venue Convenient?	
YES 9	NO 0
If other events (lunchtime seminars, workshops, site visits etc.) are held elsewhere in Tayside would you still be able to attend?	
YES 9	NO 0
Was the Workshop of Interest- did it live up to its promises?	
Yes - a good start.	

Good idea and thought provoking to plant / nurture trees. Good project - use existing knowledge to develop concept.

Interesting rewarding event

Ideal level of information and informality!

Yes x 2

Yes - of great interest

Didn't really know what I was going to - or the subject matter - but it was good to learn and made me think of suitable locations for an orchard

Inspiring stuff

Could we have Improved it?

No

Printout of PowerPoint? Small detail

I would like to have found out who everyone else was and what their interest / focus was

Turn the heating down

School & Community Orchard Workshop					
10:30am-4:00pm, Errol Community Hall, Errol					
Speakers: John Hancox, Catherine Lloyd, John Butterworth, Dallas Seawright					
Organiser: Catherine Lloyd					
Names of Attendees:					
Roger Humphrey	Hugo Meynell	Julie Heald	Alex Fowles	Alistair Leslie	
Anne Nicoll	Lavinia Balotta	David Pyman	Gillian Baynham	Rosemary Leslie	
Jean Kemp	Radu Stet	Linda Pyman	Graham Muat	Sheila Sinclair	
Bid Strachan	Mary Golden	Alison Bowman	Edward Bowry	Moirra McCulloch	
Liz Yorke	Eillen Morrison	Irene	Nina Bowry	Elaine Whiteley	
Stan Ginter	Ian Gerrard				
Total No. of Attendees:32					
Cancellations:					
Barbara Prettyman					

Paddy Garthwaite

Number of feedback forms received: 14

Please Rate the quality of the following aspects of the event - 1 is very poor and 5 is very good:

	1	2	3	4	5
Booking / registration process			2	6	6
Venue			4	7	3
Quality of catering			1	6	7

Additional Comments:

Good location

Soup was great!

Nice venue, 5 star soup

Please Rate the sessions by ticking the relevant boxes - 1 is not very useful and 5 is very useful:

	1	2	3	4	5
Fruit Tree Planting at Cistern Green		2	1	8	3
Scottish Children's Orchard (John Hancox)		1	1	8	4
Biodiversity in Orchards (Catherine Lloyd)				8	6
How to Design & Maintain your own Orchard (John Butterworth)			1	5	8

Do You have any other comments on the event?

Great talks especially the practical advice & hands on practice were excellent.

Very worthwhile

A list of suitable apple and pear varieties for Carse of Gowrie would be welcome

Would have liked more time on actual talks, very interested in future events on pruning & cider making. Very interesting day, thank you

Excellent! Inspired to go forward!

Excellent day

Good info from John Butterworth, but not much tree planting!

Very interesting and enjoyable Thankyou - see you again!

Very interesting & filled with a lot of helpful & interesting info. Encouraging to plant some trees.

Although covered briefly, it would have been of value to hear a MORE INTENSE description of suitable varieties of fruits & growing methods.

Very interesting - good to have 3 speakers

Really enjoyed it - full of great info; thank you

If you have any suggestions for future subjects or any other comments please list

Pruning workshop

Anything to do with managing deer without totally excluding them! Also identifying deer & understanding their needs, habits.

Bats in the open. Where do they come from; species etc.

Would like any info on plums and cherries - all aspects! - Using fruit; drying, preserving etc? Fruit tastings - what we had was excellent.

Would like to be kept informed of future events? Would you like your name on the mailing list?

YES

NO

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Gardens,
Greenspace and
Graveyards for
Biodiversity

9:30am-4:30pm, St. Matthews Church, Perth

Speakers: Catherine Lloyd, Karen Cunningham, Craig Macadam, Richard Smith, Dallas Seawright, Trevor Rose, Daniele Muir, Margaret Lear, David Williamson

Organiser: Catherine Lloyd

Names of Attendees:

Elizabeth Patterson

Jean Kemp

Fred Conacher

Paddy Garthwaite

Lynda Pyman

Mary Sutherland

Louise Garthwaite

Julie Heald

Theresa Lynn

Bruce Carrabine

Hazel Harward Taylor

Dallas Seawright

Patricia Butler

Morag Green

Daniele Muir

Adele Stewart

Victoria Deschampsneufs

David Williamson

Elma Wilson

Fiona Walker

Karen Cunningham

Margaret Edwards

Alice Collie

Craig Macadam

Friend of Margaret

Graham Cross

Richard Smith

Barbara Prettyman

Lisa Gribbon

Catherine Lloyd

Paul Prettyman

Irene Shearer

Trevor Rose

Kirsty Doig

Craig Borland

Margaret Lear

Total No. of Attendees: 36

Number of feedback forms received: 19

Please Rate the quality of the following aspects of the event - 1 is very poor and 5 is very good:

	3	4	5
Booking / registration process	1	5	13
Venue		9	10
Quality of catering		3	16

Please Rate the sessions by ticking the relevant boxes - 1 is not very useful and 5 is very useful:

	3	4	5	N/A
Birds in an Urban Setting	1	8	10	
Beetles, Bees, Butterflies & Ants: Conserving Small Things that Run the World		5	14	
A Year in the Life of a Bat	1	10	8	
Tips on Creating Habitat to Encourage Amphibians & Reptiles		9	10	
The Swift - A Special Summer Visitor		7	12	
Gardening for Wildlife: From Design to Maintenance		6	12	1
The Long or Short of It? Short Turf & Waxcaps; Wildflower Meadow Management in Greenspace, Graveyards		7	11	
Green Graveyards in Perth & Kinross - Beyond the Pilot Projects	2	9	8	
Undertaking a Greenspace/Churchyard Survey: Management Plan - Where to Start		4	8	6
A Tour of Greyfriars Graveyard to Practice a Mock Survey		-	-	
Wildlife Contained - Tidy Options for Biodiversity; The Edible Container Garden, Bird & Bat Boxes		3	4	11
Urban Grassland Management - The Practical Aspects of Machinery (and Grazing)		3	8	8

Do You have any other comments on the event?

Absolutely excellent content and speakers. A bit of breathing space in the morning maybe necessary for we geriatrics!

It was very good and very interesting

For people sitting at the back, to have the speaker conscious of how he is speaking to the notes/screen. The Graveyard visit would have been better at a different season.

An amazing amount of information given in a short time.

Super Speakers!!

Very informative, I learned a lot about keeping my home environment better.

Comprehensive in content and delivery.

Very informative; generated ideas and areas where practical action could easily be taken. Learned what not to do: remove ivy, clear away rotten wood piles.

Very well organised. Enjoyable and interesting talks.

Terrifically useful overview of the range of interlinked approaches. Thank you.

Pleasant and informative!

If you would like to host one of the meetings at a park or churchyard anywhere in Tayside please give brief details here:

A joint event with Friends of Baxter Park / Dundee City Council to be held in Baxter Park

Dundee City Council - Parks (Baxter, Camperdown, Balgay etc - any one you want!) Gardens (Duntrune, Barnhill Rock Garden)

If you have any suggestions for future subjects or any other comments please list

Engaging the community / awareness raising : creative practical approaches - would help deliver (DCC).

An update of what is happening or what we hope is going to happen to our graveyards and greenspace etc.

Would like to be kept informed of future events? Would you like your name on the mailing list?

YES	NO	n/a
13		6